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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Geography Division, ORR

Project Initiation Memorandum

To: Chief, Geographic Research

Project No. 61.1703

From: Chief, Geography Division

Date: 9 September 1958

1. Subject of Proposed Project: "The Offshore Islands"
2. Statement of Problem: *geographic factors relating to* [DAD/RR addition] To prepare a brief geographic analysis describing and evaluating the strategic importance and defensibility of each of the Chinese Nationalist-held Offshore Islands.
3. Requester: Self-initiated.
4. Responsible Analyst: 25X1A9a [REDACTED] GG/F.
5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired from:
  - a. Other divisions of the Geographic Area: D/GC to prepare one small-scale orientation map and a few generalized topographic maps at larger scales
  - b. Other parts of CIA: Routine library facilities to be used.
6. Estimated Man Hours: 100
7. Probable Completion Date: September 1958
8. Form of Final Publication: CIA/RR-GM-
9. Special Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report: The Memorandum to be controlled NOFORN.
10. Comments: Much of the necessary research has already been accomplished as a part of Mr. [REDACTED] routine research responsive to the Taiwan Strait crisis. However, consideration of the results of his work to date and survey of published studies on the offshore islands done by other units convinces us that publication of the results of Mr. [REDACTED] research as a GM at this time would serve a useful intelligence purpose.

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Approved:

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Chief, Geographic Research

Chief, Geography Division

11 SEP 1958

Date

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12 SEP 1958

Date

Assistant Director, ORR

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